

TVA Kingston Ash Recovery Project Roane County, TN



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TVA Kingston Steam Plant

- ≈ 30 miles west of Knoxville off Interstate 40
- Emory River Mile 2.0 (just above confluence with Clinch River)
- Built 1951 to 1955 (initially for DOE Oak Ridge Reservation)
- 9 coal fired units
- 10 Billion KW-Hrs electricity year (670,000 homes in TN Valley)
- 14,000 tons of coal day (10% coal ash recovered)



Swan Pond Embayment 1941



Legend

Note:
USGS 7.5 Minute Topographic Map.
Quadrangles Harriman and Elverton, TN



Harriman,
Roane County,
Tennessee



United States Environmental Protection Agency

KINGSTON TVA FOSSIL PLANT
HARRIMAN, ROANE COUNTY,
TENNESSEE

1941
TOPOGRAPHICAL MAP

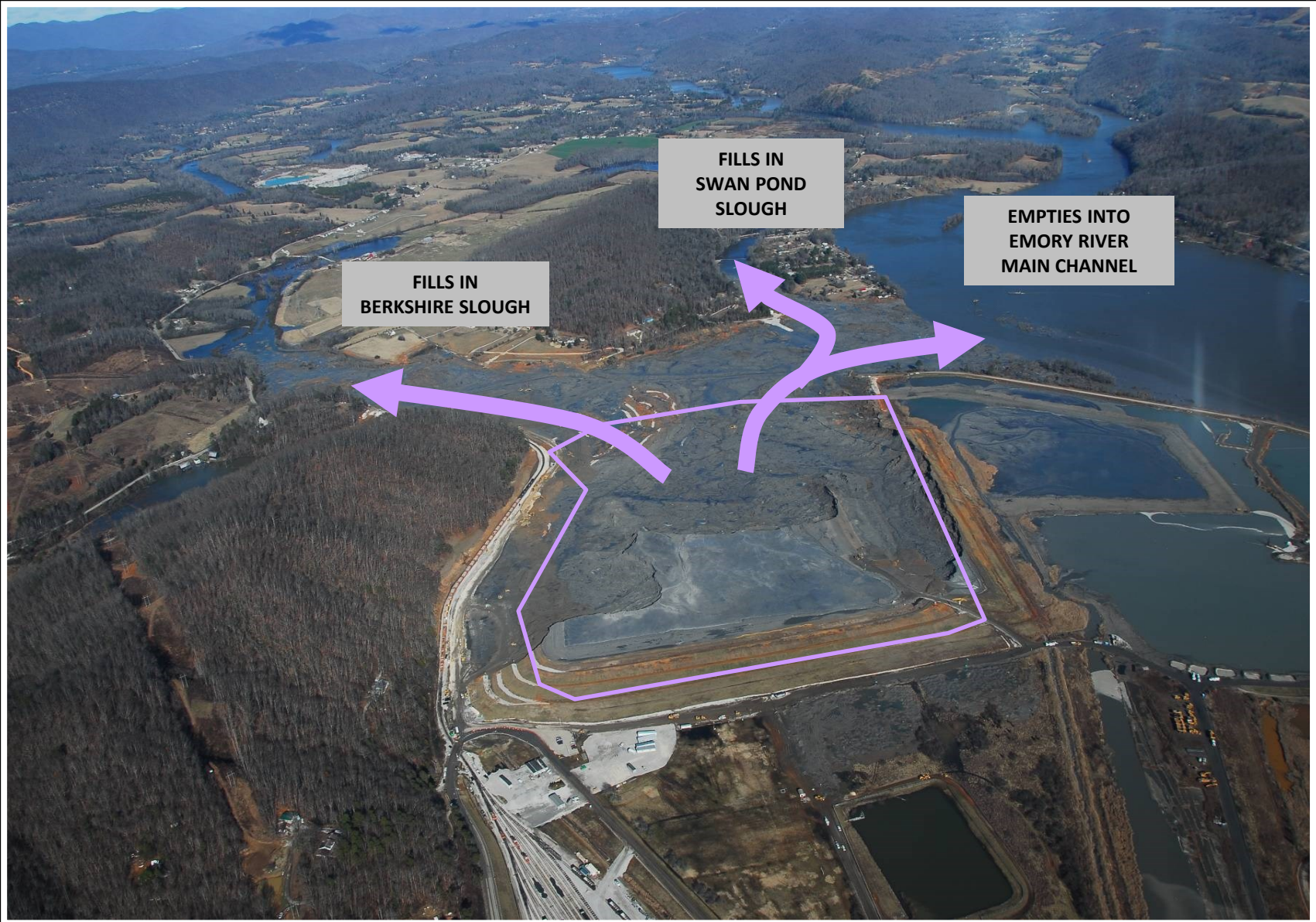


USGS Topographic Map, 7.5 Minute, 1941

Dredge Cell Area Pre-Spill



Spill Progression – 12/22/08



Dredge Cell Area Post-Spill



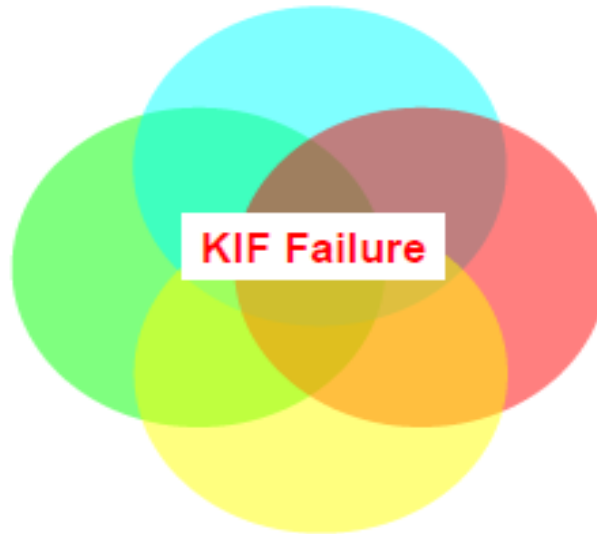
Root Cause Analysis



Kingston Dredge Cell Failure Conditions

Increased Loads Due to Higher Fill

Hydraulically Placed
Loose Wet Ash



Fill Geometry
&
Setbacks

Unusually Weak Silt/Ash Slime Foundation

CERCLA Removal Action Strategy

(May 12, 2009 AOC)



- **Phase 1 (Time-Critical Action Removal)**

- 3.5 million cys removed (excavated and dredged)
- 4.0 million tons disposed at Perry County, AL (completed 12/01/10)
- May 29, 2010 Emory River reopened

- **Phase 2 (Non-Time Critical Action Removal)**

- 2.8 million cys to be removed (north and middle embayment)
- Consolidate in reinforced, on-site disposal area
- Construct robust subsurface perimeter containment system to withstand earthquake loads

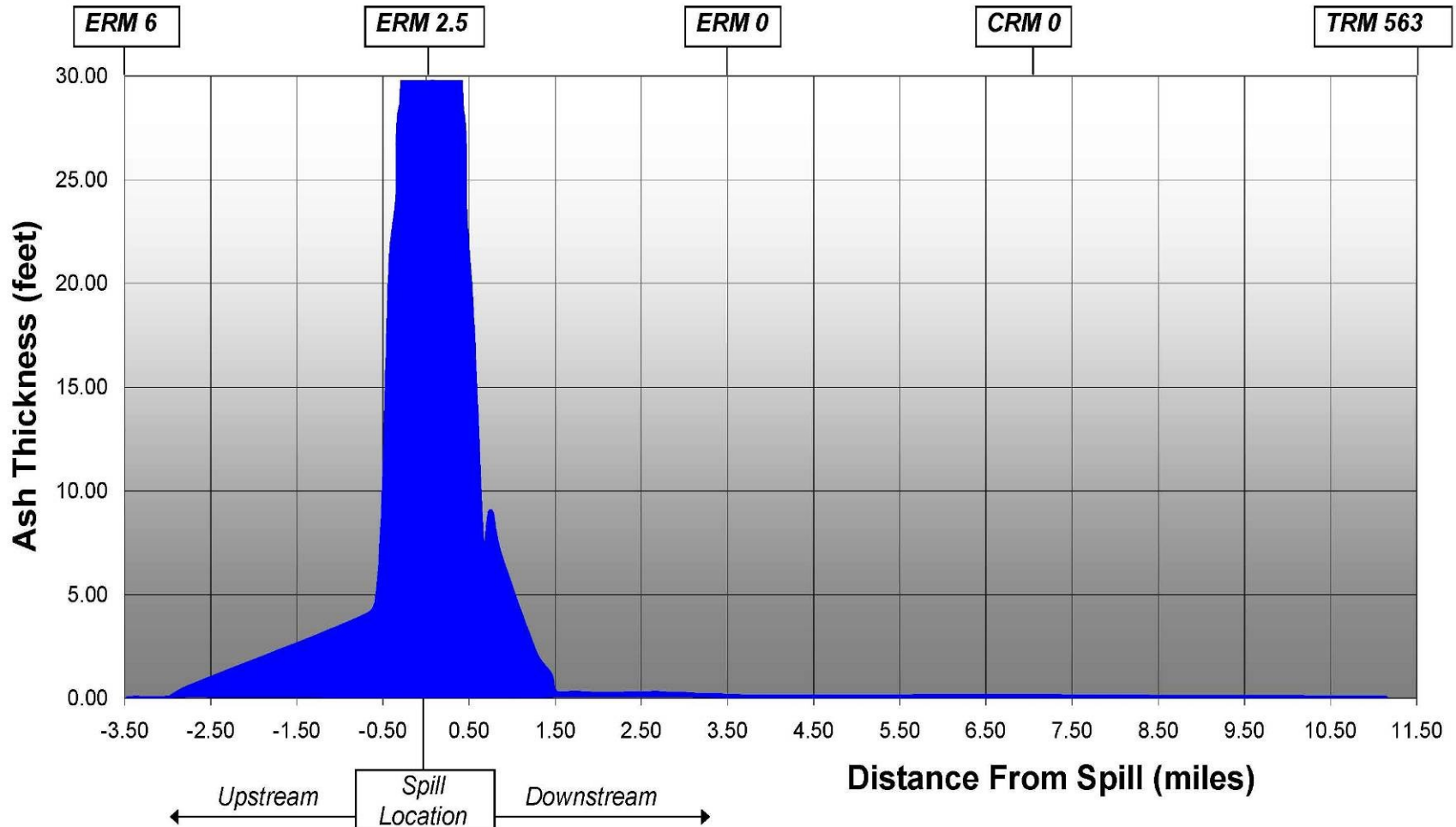
- **Phase 3 (Residual Ash Study)**

- River ecosystem and human health risk assessments
- Long-term monitoring (5-year reviews)

Ash Deposition (Pre-Dredging)



Ash Thickness Profile



Ash vs. Native Soil Concentrations

(volume = 3M cys)

(Ash) Element	Avg. ppm	Est. lbs.
Aluminum	22,700	177 million
Iron	17,961	140 million
Copper	59	462,000
Arsenic	66	515,000
Selenium	6	51,000

(Soil) Element	Avg. ppm	Est. lbs.
Aluminum	18,905	147 million
Iron	27,304	213 million
Copper	16	129,000
Arsenic	24	183,000
Selenium	1	8,600

Phase 2 Work Description



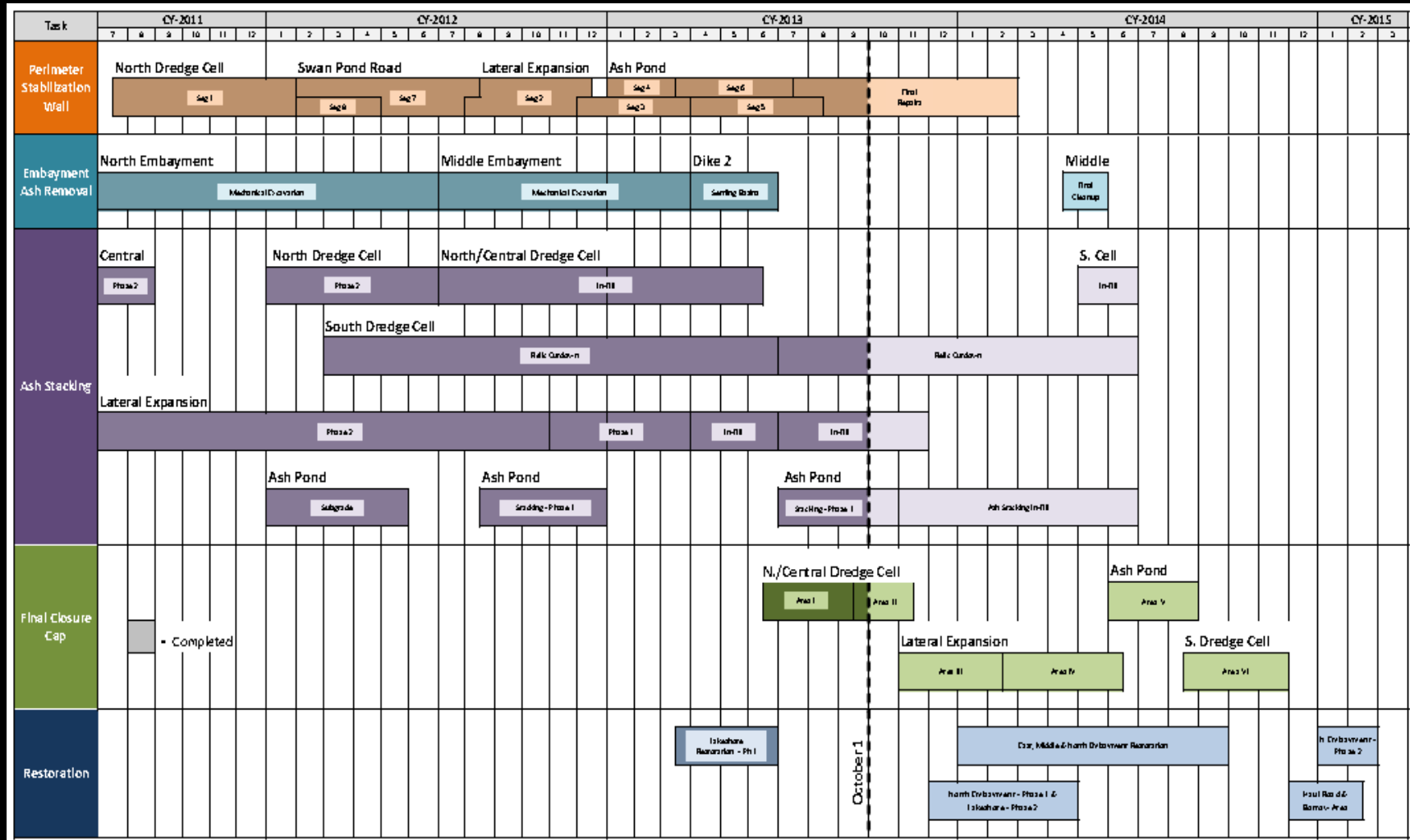
- Excavate Ash (**Armada of Yellow Iron**)
 - Pan Scrapers
 - Excavators/ar-tic dump trucks
- Short-Term Storage
 - Dry to Optimum Moisture Content
 - Lime (5% by weight)
- Long-Term Storage in Dredge Cell
 - Placed in 1 foot lifts
 - Compacted to 90% proctor
 - In-situ density/Piezors/Inclinometers
 - Final Cap & Closure
- Perimeter Containment System
- Perimeter Air & IH Monitoring
- Storm Water Mgmt & Monitoring
- Health & Safety Program



Why Moisture Content Matters



Phase 2 Operations Schedule



Mechanical Excavation



- **East Embayment**
 - Up to 7,500 CY/day productivity
 - 0.75 million CY excavated
 - June 2009 – May 2010 (11 months)
- **North Embayment**
 - Ave 5,600 CY/day productivity
 - 1.0 million CY excavated
 - November 2010 – November 2011 (13 months)
- **Middle Embayment**
 - Ave 2,600 CY/day productivity
 - December 2011 – June 2013 (17 months)
 - 100 % Completed (1.25 million CY excavated)



**Excavation Outside of Cell Finished
in Late June 2013
(3.0 million cubic yards)**

Ash Stacking



- “Loose” Volumes Placed/Remaining
- Dredge Cell = 2,313,000/192,000 CYs
- Lateral Expansion = 1,890,000/Zero CYs
- Ash Pond = 375,000/615,000 CYs
- Total Ash Placed = 4,578,000 CYs
- Total Ash Remaining = 807,000 CYs
- 85% Completed



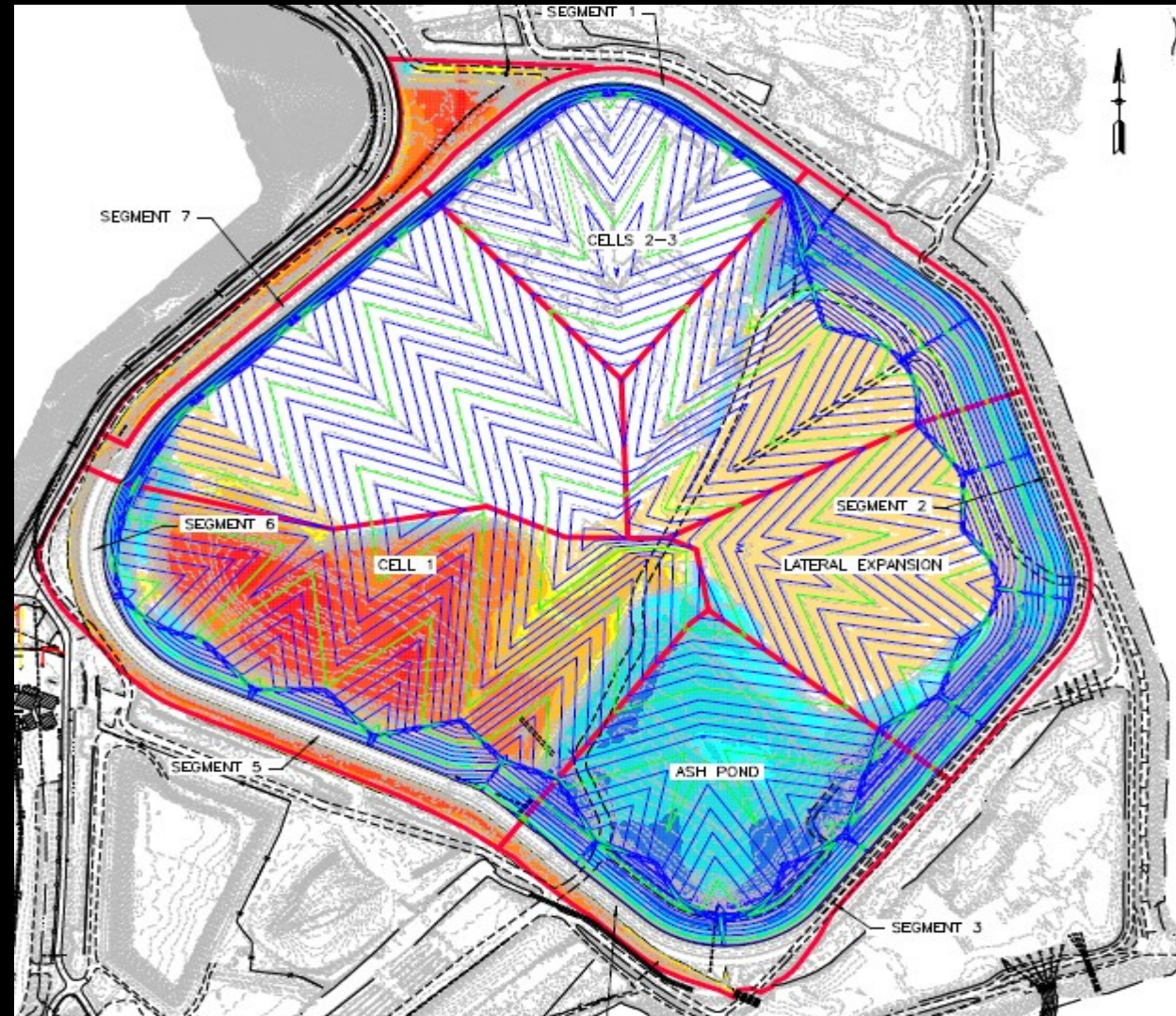
Dredge Cell Cut & Fills

Cap Design

- Prepare ash subgrade
- 40 mil HDPE liner
- Drainage layer
- 2 ft of clay/topsoil
- Vegetative surface

240 Acres Total

Cap Placement
started Mid-June
2013



Capping Progress



- Production Goal = 2 acres per day
- 81 acres of HDPE Liner installed
- 60 acres of geo-composite drainage layer
- 56 acres of soil cover
- On schedule to be \approx 50% done by end of 2013.



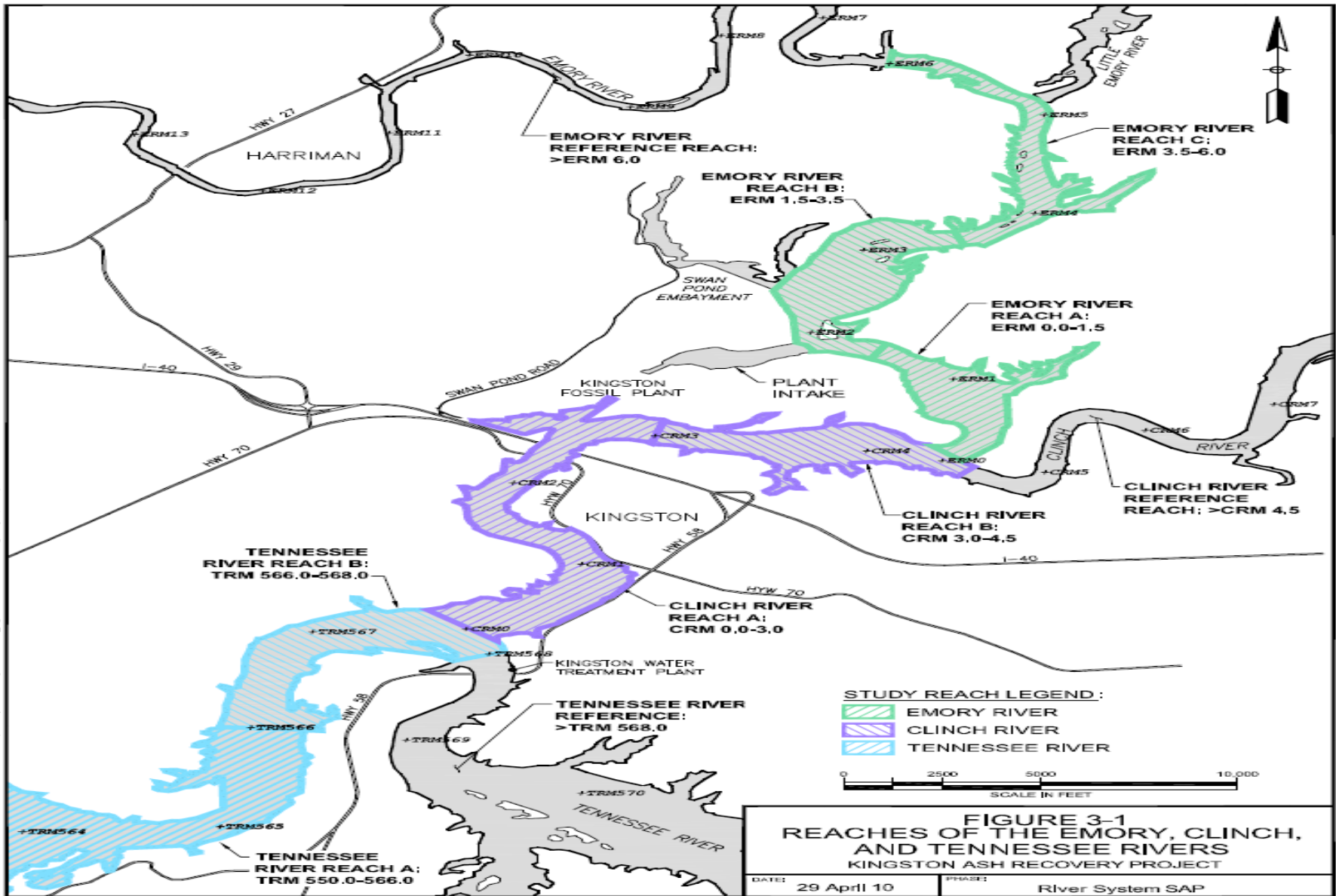


Perimeter Containment System

- Design based on 3-D Seismic Model (FLAC)
 - 6.0 earthquake on East TN fault
 - 7.6 earthquake on New Madrid fault
- ≈11,500 linear feet of cell perimeter
- 50-70 feet BGS/Keyed 2-6 ft into bedrock
- Target Average UCS = 280 psi
- Batch Plant for Slurry Recipe (22% blast furnace slag, 3% bentonite, 0.5% portland)
- Long stick Komatsu 1250 excavator
- 4' wide bucket with ripper teeth
- Wall construction 100% complete 08/06/13



Phase 3 – River System SAP



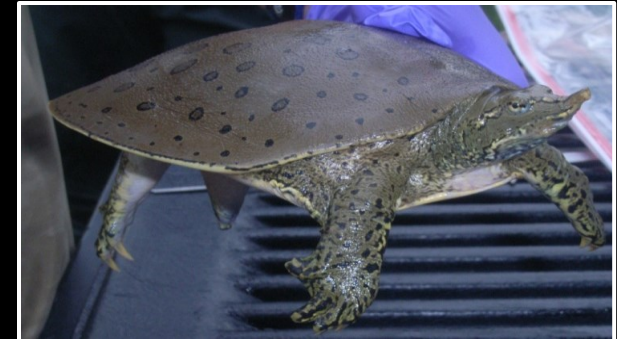
Sampling & Analysis Plan – June 2010



- 2 year, \$40M ecological study within CERCLA Eco Risk Framework
- >16,000 samples collected; >400,000 analyses
- Multiple State/Federal Agencies (TDEC, TWRA, USGS, USACE, ORNL, USFWS) and 10 Universities (NGOs)

ABIOTIC

- Nature & Extent of Sediment/Ash
 - Residual ash/submerged/seasonally exposed
 - 2 Dimensional Fate/Transport Modeling
- Surface Water
- Groundwater/Aquifer Testing/MODFLOW
- Sediment Porewater & Bioassays



BIOTIC

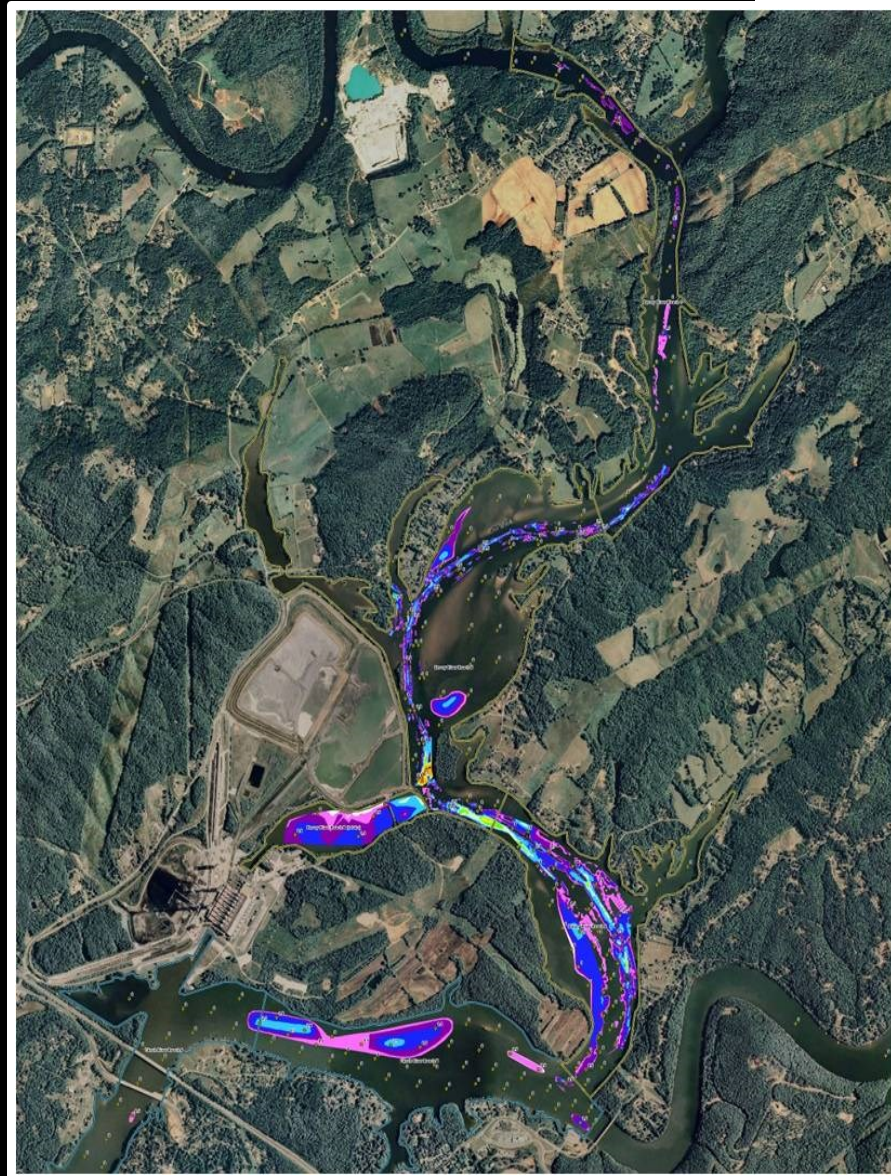
- Fish (bass/catfish/blue gill/ gizzard shad/crappie/redear sun)
- Birds (Heron/Osprey/Tree Swallows/Canada Goose)
- Amphibs (Spring Peeper/Upland Chorus/American Toad)
- Turtles (Musk/Snappers/Softshell)
- Benthic Invertebrates (Growth/Survival & Community Structure)
- Raccoons
- Aquatic Vegetation & Periphyton
- Snails and Mayflies



Phase 3 River System Findings



- ≈ 510,000 CYs of residual ash dispersed over 200 acres
- Co-mingled with DOE legacy contaminants (CS-137/Hg/PCBs)
- System is Net Depositional
 - 1 to 5 feet accumulation over 30 years
 - Natural mixing/burial expected to reach sediment cleanup goals in 10 to 15 years
- Human Health Risks Acceptable
 - Confirmed need for pre-existing fish consumption advisories
- Moderate to Low Ecological Risks
 - Limited to Laboratory Sediment Toxicity tests for *H. Azteca* and *C. Dilutus* (survival/growth)
 - SE & AS accumulation Larval/Adult Mayflies
 - Potential food chain risks for birds that prey on those bugs (killdeer/tree swallows)
 - Benthic abundance and diversity similar at all study sites



Removal Alternatives Evaluated - August 2012 EE/CA Report



- **Alternative 1 - Monitored Natural Recovery (MNR)**
 - 30 years of monitoring for sediment, mayflies, benthic/fish communities and sediment transport modeling
 - Net Present Value = \$10 Million
- **Alternative 2 – Capping**
- Alternative 2A
 - Cap all 200 acres (150 acres pea gravel + 50 acres medium sized)
 - Net Present Value = \$45 Million
- Alternative 2B
 - Cap 160 erosion prone areas (110 acres pea gravel + 50 acres medium sized)
 - Net Present Value = \$39 Million
- **Alternative 3 – Additional Dredging**
- Alternative 3A – 440,000 CYs > 1 foot thick
 - 130,000 CYs (\$35/ton) + 310,000 Cys (low level rad @\$312/ton)
 - Net Present Value = \$179 Million
- Alternative 3B – 160,000 CYs in ecological significant area (shallows)
 - 30,000 CYs (\$35/ton) + 130,000 CYs (low level rad @\$312/ton)
 - Net Present Value = \$84 Million

Community Involvement



- Conducted series of 6 workshops at Roane State CC (March – June 2012)
- River System EE/CA Report (HHRA + BERA) released for public comment on 08/10/12
- Initial 30 day comment period extended 30 days to 10/12/12
- Phase 3 River System Action Memo for Alternative 1 – MNR approved by EPA & TDEC on 11/07/12
 - MNR remedy consistent with moderate to low eco risk
 - Capping and Dredging alternatives did not significantly reduce time required to meet objectives considering additional NPV
 - Dredging and disposal of co-mingled DOE legacy contaminants complicates matters
 - Consistent with 2 Records of Decision (RODs) issued by DOE for Clinch River and Lower Watts Bar Reservoir
 - Generally supported by community
- Long Term Monitoring Plan Approved May 2013
 - Monitoring starts Spring 2013

North Embayment



then



now

East Embayment



now



then

Swan Pond Embayment Restoration



Swan Pond Embayment Restoration



- **Phase 1 – Lakeshore Park**
 - Completed August 2012
 - Walking trails, fishing piers, courtesy docks & restroom facilities
- **Phase 2 – Lakeshore Park/Middle Embayment**
 - Boat ramp, walking bridge, trails & Middle Embayment habitat improvements underway
 - Berkshire Recreation Area at completion of project





A Long Ash Day Ahead!

- 14 technical presentations by a variety of *distinguished* guests
- Fish Health & Reproduction
- Human Health Risk Assessment
- Sediment Toxicity
- Mayflies
- Benthic Macro Invertebrates
- Selenium
- Ecological Risk Assessment/Remedial Goals
- Wildlife Exposure/Dietary Models
- Long Term Monitoring Plan
- NRDA
- Discussion